

**Aqueous pearlescent concentrate**

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**Abstract**

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Aqueous pearl glaze concentrate contains (hydroxy)polycarboxylic acid amides. Aqueous pearl glaze concentrate contains: (a) 1-99.9 wt.% (hydroxy)polycarboxylic acid amides of formula (I); (b) 0.1-99 wt.% anionic, non-ionic, ampholytic and/or zwitterionic emulsifiers; and (c) optionally upto 40 wt.% polyols. Percentages are based on the concentrate and the remainder to 100% comprises water, adjuvants and additives. R<1>, R<2> = H or OH; R<3> = H, COOH or CONR<7>R<8>; R<4> = OH or NR<9>R<10>; R<5>, R<7>, R<9> = H or upto 22C alkyl or alkenyl; R<6>, R<8>, R<10> = upto 22C alkyl or alkenyl; provided that R<3>-R<9> contain at least 16C. Independent claims are also included for the following: (1) preparation of the concentrate and (2) preparation of opaque and pearl-glazed surface-active compositions from the concentrate.

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